

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 22-55, 61, 63-64 as set forth above. Applicant notes with appreciation the Office's indication that claims 1-21, 56-60, and 65-98 are allowable over the cited prior art and claims 23-27, 29, 30, 33, 37, 39-41, 43, 44, 47, 49-51, 54, 62, and 63 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 55 is indicated as being allowable on the cover page of the Office Action, but is indicated as being rejected in the body of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant assumes the cover page contains a typographical error and claim 55 has been rejected. Additionally, claim 62 is indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form in the Office Action, but claim 62 is already in independent form so Applicant assumes this also was a typographical error and claim 62 is already in condition for allowance. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The Office has rejected claims 22, 28, 31, 32, 34, 38, 42, 48, 52, 55, 61, and 64 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,215,335 to Doi et al. (Doi) and claims 35, 36, 45, 46, and 53 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doi and has indicated claims 23 - 27, 29, 30, 33, 37, 39 - 41, 43, 44, 47, 49 - 51, 54, 62, and 63 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has accepted the allowed claims 1-21, 56-60, 62, and 65-98 and has canceled claims 22-55, 61, 63-64. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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